

What is claimed is:

Summary  
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1 1. A method comprising:  
2 storing a plurality of content categories; and  
3 identifying, according to properties returned by a plurality of search engines, at least one  
4 search engine suited to service a query having at least one content category of the  
5 plurality of content categories.  
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1 2. The method of claim 1 in which identifying the at least one search engine further  
2 comprises:  
3 identifying at least one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the  
4 query.  
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1 3. The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
2 analyzing the content of a query to determine the at least one content category of the  
3 query; and  
4 identifying at least one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the  
5 query according to the content category.  
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1 4. The method of claim 2 in which identifying at least one domain of the at least one  
2 search engine suited to service the query further comprises:  
3 identifying the at least one domain according to a scope of the query.  
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5. The method of claim 1 in which at least one content category of the plurality of content categories further comprises:  
child categories.

1 6. An article comprising:  
2 a machine-readable medium comprising instructions which, when executed by a  
3 processor, result in:  
4 storing a plurality of content categories; and  
5 identifying, according to properties returned by a plurality of search engines, at least one  
6 search engine suited to service a query having at least one content category of the  
7 plurality of content categories.

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1 7. The article of claim 6 in which execution of the instructions to identify the at least  
2 one search engine further results in:  
3 identifying at least one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the  
4 query.

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1 8. The article of claim 6, further comprising instructions which, when executed by the  
2 processor, result in:  
3 analyzing the content of a query to determine the at least one content category of the  
4 query; and  
5 identifying at least one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the  
6 query according to the content category.

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1 9. The article of claim 7 in which execution of the instructions to identify the at least  
2 one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the query further results  
3 in:

4 identifying the at least one domain according to a scope of the query.

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1 10. The article of claim 6 in which at least one content category of the plurality of content  
2 categories further comprises:  
3 child categories.

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1 11. A system comprising:

2 a processor; and

3 a machine-readable medium comprising instructions which, when executed by the  
4 processor, result in:

5 storing a plurality of content categories; and

6 identifying, according to properties returned by a plurality of search engines, at least one  
7 search engine suited to service a query having at least one content category of the  
8 plurality of content categories.

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1 12. The system of claim 11 in which execution of the instructions to identify the at least  
2 one search engine further results in:

3 identifying at least one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the  
4 query.

1 13. The system of claim 11, further comprising instructions which, when executed by the  
2 processor, result in:

5 identifying at least one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the  
6 query according to the content category.

1 14. The system of claim 12 in which execution of the instructions to identify the at least  
2 one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the query further results  
3 in:

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15. The system of claim 11 in which at least one content category of the plurality of content categories further comprises:  
child categories.